THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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NC Federal Declarations

Hurricane Florence FEMA-4393-DR-NC
- Incident Period: September 7-29, 2018
- Federal Declaration: September 14, 2018

Tropical Storm Michael FEMA-4412-DR-NC
- Incident Period: October 10-12, 2018
- Federal Declaration: January 31, 2019

Hurricane Dorian FEMA-4465-DR-NC
- Incident Period: September 1-9, 2019
- Federal Declaration: October 4, 2019
Phases of Emergency Management

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery
Recovery

2 Domains:

- **Individual Assistance**-helps families and businesses restore after disaster.

- **Public Assistance**-helps restore public infrastructure and facilities after disaster.
Public Assistance Objective

Provide grants to eligible State and Local governments, and certain private non-profits to assist with the cost of responding to and recovering from disasters.
Introduction to The Public Assistance Program

- Robert T. Stafford Act
- 2 CFR
- 44 CFR
- NC GS 166A
Obligations and Reimbursements

- Once projects obligated, the payment process begins.

- Small Projects
  - <$125,500 Hurricane Florence (FFY’18)
  - <$128,900 TS Michael (FFY’19)
  - <$131,100 Hurricane Dorian (FFY’20)

Determined in coordination with the Consumer Price index each federal fiscal year beginning October 1.
Historically...

93% SMALL PROJECTS

6% LARGE PROJECTS

1% VERY LARGE PROJECTS

20% GRANT $$

26% GRANT $$

54% GRANT $$
Categories of Work

- A - Debris Removal
- B - Emergency Protective Measures
- C - Roads and Bridges
- D - Water Control facilities
- E - Buildings and Equipment
- F - Utilities
- G - Parks and Recreation
Special Considerations

❖ Insurance
❖ Environmental Historic Preservation
❖ Mitigation
Introduction to The New PA Grants Portal

Recipients (States) and Applicants will have a direct role.

- Customer Engagement
- Transparency
- Front-end Agreement
- Project Development
Procurement

- Minority/Women business Enterprises
- Historically Underutilized businesses (HUBs)
4 Phases of Grant Administration

- Application
- Award
- Post Award
- Close-out
Phase 1 - Application

- Preliminary Damage Assessments
- Request and Approval for Federal Declaration
- Applicant Briefings
- Request for Public Assistance (RPA) - through the PA Grants Portal
Phase II- Awards

- Project Formulation
  - Special Considerations
  - Procurements

- Obligations
Phase III- Post Awards

Reimbursements (supporting documentation)

Project Completion
Phase IV - Final Inspections Reports and Project & Disaster Close-Outs

➢ Projects are paid up to 75% until completion.

➢ At that point, members of the PA team will process the Final Inspection Reports.

➢ Once the Report is approved by FEMA, the remaining 25% will be paid and the project will be closed.

➢ After all projects are closed, the disaster reconciles for a programmatic close-out.
Summary